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A SAMACHAR STORY, PUBLISHED IN MOST DELHI NEWSPAPERS
DECEMBER 26 AND 27, SUMMARIZES RECENT "NEW YORK TIMES"
REPORT ALLEGING THAT THE CIA'S "COMMUNICATIONS EMPIRE" AT
ITS PEAK A DECADE AGO "EMBRACED MORE THAN 800 NEWS AND PUBLIC
INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS." LOCAL ACCOUNT
HIGHLIGHTS THAT CIA EDITED AND PUBLISHED IN INDIA THE
JOURNALS "QUEST" AND "THOUGHT". ACCOUNT FURTHER STATES
THAT AMBASSADOR KENNETH GALBRAITH ORDERED CLOSURE OF "QUEST"
IN 1961 BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO QUOTES IN NYT STORY, "IT HAD
A LEVEL OF INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICAL COMPETENCE THAT WAS
SUBZERO" AND "THE POLITICAL DAMAGE IT DID WAS NOTHING
COMPARED TO THE LITERARY DAMAGE." OF RELEVANCE TO INDIA,

SAMACHAR ACCOUNT ALSO NOTES THAT ASIA FOUNDATION, WHICH
SELECTED AND FINANCED ASIAN NEIMANN FELLOWS, AND
ALLIED PACIFIC PRINTING OF BOMBAY, A PUBLISHING HOUSE,
WERE CIA OPERATIONS. "TIMES OF INDIA" CARRIED
LENGTHIER VERSION OF NYT STORY, UNDER BY-LINE OF ITS
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT.
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